from the Government of Kerala to increase the rice allocation;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the rice allotted to Kerala during the last six months and the quantity lifted by the State during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) In response to the State Government's request, the allocation of rice from the Central Pool for the Public Distribution System to Kerala in December, 91 which was reduced to 1.35 lakh tonnes was restored to 1.50 lakh tonnes in December, '91 itself and the allocation has been maintained at this level in the subsequent months.

(c) The required information is given below :—

('000 tonnes)

Month	Allotment	Offtake
September, 91 .	150.0	135.6
October, 91	150.0	146.6
November, 91 .	150.0	155.7
December, 91 .	150.0	149.5
January, 92	150.0	146.0
Ferbuary, 92 .	150.0	N.A.*

*N.A.—Not Yet Available.

Stock of Wheat with Government

@ @2541. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister, of FOOD be pleased to state;

(a) the present stock of wheat With Government;

(b) the stock of wheat last year on the same date;

(c) whether Government are planning to import one million tonnes of wheat; and

(d) whether Government are also allowing export of one million tonnes of wheat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The estimated stocks of wheat in the Central Pool were 42.04 lakh tonnes as on 1st February, 1992 as against 80.72 lakh tonnes as on 1st February, 1991.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It was decided in January, 1992 that no further exports of wheat may be undertaken beyond the firm contractual obligations already entered into by the State Trading Corporation and M.E.T.C.

Procurement of Paddy and Rice

@@@2542. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the relaxations allowed in regard to procurement of paddy and

@@@ @Previously Unstarrted question 1208, transferred from the 5th March, 1992.

@@@Previously Unstarred Question 1207, transferred from the 5th March 1992.

rice in the cyclone affected districts of Andhra Pradesh during May, 1990 and November, 1991; and

(b) the total quantity of paddy and rice procured during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) To mitigate the sufferings of the farmers the Government of India allowed FCI to procure paddy affected by the cyclone during May, 1990 and November, 1991 in certain districts of Andhra Pradesh as also the par boiled rice produced out of such paddy with certain relaxations in the specifications as given in Annexure (See Appendix CLXII, ANNEXURE No. 56)

(b) The quantities of paddy. and rice procured uner such relaxations in Andhra Pradesh are as under:.

(Figures in Metric Tonnes)

Year	Quantities perocured under relaxed specifications	
	Paddy rice	Par boiled
1989-90 .	64,854	1,46,600
1991-92 . (till 4-3-1992)	Nil	1,03,938

Allotment of Rice and Wheat to Andhra Pradesh

@@@@2543, DR. YELAMANCHI-LI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the total procurement and allotment of rice and wheat to Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal, the production of these foodgrains in each State and the consumption in these States during the last three years, years-wise;

(b) whether there is any enhancement in the procurement of rice in Andhra Pradesh by Food Corporation of India; if so the details thereof; and

(c) what is the target of procure ment in Andhra Pradesh for the en suing Kharif and Rabi seasons; and the quantum of foodgrains demand ed by the State?

@@@©Previously Unstarred Question 1207, transferred from the 5th March, 1992.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI ARUN GOGOI): (a) A statement is attached. (See below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No targets of procurement are fixed as wheat, paddy and coaree-grains are procured at Minimum Support Price (MSP) against voluntary sale by farmers under Government's price support scheme. The rice is collected under statutory levy imposed on millers/traders and depends on the quantity of paddy purchased and milled by the, millers.

State Governments are asked every month to intimate their realistic requirements of wheat and rice for PDS and allotments are made on month to month basis. In the case of Andhra Pradesh, there is an understanding that the State will be allotted 2/3rd of the quantity of rice procured in the State in a marketing year.